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Sisco/Kissinger  
11:30 ~~pm~~ am 6/12/70

[Omitted here is conversation unrelated to South Asia]

[Sisco speaking]:

Now, Pakistan.

K: I wanted to discuss with you. He feels morally obligated to do something. We have seen your package. He would like to add seven B-57's ~~to~~ bombers to it and the tanks.

S: If you add those it changes the package to a defensive replacement package which is more offensive. Tanks have almost the imagery of the Phantom. It will increase your difficulty in selling it on the Hill and will have more effect in India. We feel we can get away with adding 6 B-57's and justify it being ~~to~~ old bombers and replacement. But the tanks if we cut it to 50 it has unfortunate psychological effect.

K: Our worry is that this package is so small they will consider it an insult.

S: If we are going to take the heat, why do it for so little?

K: Exactly.

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S: Let me see if something can be added to the defesnive package without adding offensively. I will call you back in a couple of hours.